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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF GSP AND PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO MANILA

1. INFORMAL REPORTS BEING RECEIVED HERE SUGGEST THAT THE GSP PROPOSALS BEING READIED FOR PUBLIC DISSEMINATION IN WASHINGTON WILL PROVE PARTICULARLY DISAPPOINTING TO THE PHILIPPINES. WHILE THE TIMING OF THIS PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENT IS NOT CLEAR TO THIS EMBASSY, IT IS CERTAIN TO BE CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE PROJECTED VISIT OF PRESIDENT FORD TO MANILA THAT A NIGGARDLY LIST COULD PROVE A PERSONAL EMBARRASSMENT TO THE PRESIDENT DURING HIS TRIP.

2. SINCE SECRETARY KISSINGER INVESTED A SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT OF HIS OWN PRESTIGE IN THE PLANNED GSP ANNOUNCEMENT THROUGH THIS SPEECH TO THE 7TH SPECIAL UNGA SESSION, AND SINCE THERE WILL BE PRECIOUS LITTLE IN THE WAY OF ECONOMIC ENCOURAGEMENT WE CAN GIVE THE PHILIPPINES IN THE NEAR FUTURE, IT WOULD APPEAR PRUDENT TO RAISE THE FOCUS OF CONSIDERATION ON THIS GSP LIST TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS AND TO INCORPORATE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AS WELL AS COMMERCIAL CONSIDERATIONS INTO ITS PROMULGATION.

3. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE LIST OF PRODUCTS OF
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INTEREST TO THE PHILIPPINES BE SERIOUSLY REVIEWED WITH A

VIEW TO IMPLICATIONS OF THIS LIST FOR THE MANILA VISIT
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